



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 45 FOR 2024

To Members of the City Council:

November 8, 2024

NOVEMBER 2024

*For additional information and a complete list of City events, please visit our
Calendar of Events on the City's website at <http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx>*

Questions about any of the Downtown Event listed, please email events@downtownhagerstown.org

*Visit Hagerstown Parks & Recreation website and flip through the Spring/Summer 2024 digital Program Guide
<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/145/Parks-Recreation>*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Election Day No Mayor and Council Meeting Scheduled	6	7	8	9
10	11 FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN DECKS VETERANS' DAY	12 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 U.S. Capital Christmas Tree in Downtown Hagerstown 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Mayor & Council Regular Session 7 PM	20	21	22 Holly Fest Maryland Theatre 7 PM	23 Holiday Market S. Potomac Street 2 PM to 6:30 PM ----- Tree Lighting Downtown Square 5 PM
24	25 Newly Elected Officials Oath of Office – Location to be determined	26 Inaugural Work Session for Newly Elected Officials 4 PM	27	28 FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN DECKS City Closed Thanksgiving Holiday	29 FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN DECKS City Closed Thanksgiving Holiday	30 FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN DECKS ----- SHOP SMALL Business Saturday Holiday Pop-Up Shop 60 W. Washington St. 11 AM to 5 PM

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

To obtain City Department or City Boards and Commissions meeting information, please visit <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/27/Government>.

We encourage you to visit our website at <https://www.hagerstownmd.org> for all City-related updates.

Other inquiries may be made by visiting the City Resident 311 page at <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/841/Services>

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Downtown Hagerstown Main Street Seeks Vendors for Holiday Pop-Up Shop
- Three Washington County Board of Education Seats Taken by Newcomers
- Charities Offering Thanksgiving Dinners. Here's When and How to Help
- Town Halls to Address How Cannabis Tax Revenue Will be Spent
- Two Deputies on Leave after Deploying Taser, Gun on Stabbing Suspect
- Hagerstown Trash Collection Not Interrupted on Veterans' Day
- Racist Text Messages Prompt AG to Issue Alert to Black Marylanders
- Two Deputies ID'd Who Deployed Taser, Gun on Stabbing Suspect
- McClain Delaney Declares Victory in Maryland's 6th District House Race
- Hagerstown Candidates React to Mayoral, Council Races
- Veterans' Day Ceremony on Walnut Street to Temporarily Close Streets
- Washington County Election Office Received Bomb Threat Friday
- Hagerstown Police Investigating Shooting in Bethel Neighborhood
- How Washington County Republicans Mobilized School Board Voters
- Press Release: Parking Meters Going Coinless Starting Friday
- Press Release: U. S. Capitol Christmas Tree to Visit Hagerstown
- Traffic Advisory: E. Memorial Blvd. – Nov. 11 & 12
- Traffic Advisory: Walnut Street Veterans' Day Ceremony
- Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste Advisory: Veterans' Day

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & City Council Work Session
- Various drone footage

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- "Homecoming of Hope" Event
- "State of the City" Event Presentation
- Hagerfest Muralist Video
- "Holidays in Hagerstown 2024" :30 Promo
- "Be a Good Neighbor" Video Series
- The Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- Visit Hagerstown :30 Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- Mayor & Council Community Organization/Agency Leaders Discussion Clips
- "Council wRap" Promo

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 7,374 user visits for the week of November 7-13
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	1,969
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,542
3. Utility Billing Page	710
4. Police Page	497
5. Collection-Schedules-Zones Page	316
6. Search Page	301
7. Jobs Page	259
8. Civic Alerts Page	206
9. Bids Page	174
10. Skate Park Page	73

- Top searches

1. Track permits
2. Jobs
3. Water bill
4. Trash & recycling
5. Parking

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement Team attended the ribbon cutting for Main Street Cumberland and the ELEVATE Summit hosted by Warehouse Cinemas in Frederick, Maryland

The Capitol Christmas Tree will be stopping in Downtown Hagerstown Tuesday, November 19 at 5:30 PM on its way to the U.S. Capitol. Mayor and Council are invited to participate in the festivities.

Below is the itinerary:

U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Tour
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
The Maryland Theatre - 21 S Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM



- 4:30 PM South High Marching Band & Santa arrive at Elizabeth Hager Parking Lot
- 5:00 PM Road closure in unit block on South Potomac Street
- Vendors set up in front of The Maryland Theatre
 - Vendors: Capitol Christmas Tree staff, Downtown Hagerstown, Parks & Recreation, Washington County Government, Girls Inc, and The Maryland Theatre
 - The Maryland Theatre will be serving hot chocolate outside
 - Verstandig Media will set up at the square
 - Miss Maryland arrives
- 5:30 PM Santa and South High Marching band escort the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree onto South Potomac Street
- 6:00 PM Miss Maryland Bridget O'Brien will welcome everyone to Hagerstown on the steps of The Maryland Theatre
- U.S. Forest Service – Barb Miranda, Forest Supervisor at Tongass National Forest
 - Mayor Tekesha Martinez
 - Truckload Carriers Association – Hailey Betham
 - USDOT-FMCSA – Vinn White
 - D.M. Bowman Group – Samantha Bodnar
 - Proclamation from City of Hagerstown – Mayor & Councilmembers
 - Proclamation from Washington County Government – County Commissioners
 - Bester Elementary School – Jess Tapley – Community School Manager
- 6:20 PM Barbara Ingram School for the Arts Vocal – 1-2 Christmas Carols
- 7:30 PM U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree departs

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

- Annaston Cree was appointed to the Hagerstown Youth Council Partner Group. We are thankful to have her support!
- The Hagerstown Youth Council Executive Board met with the Partner Group to discuss the session and empower them to lead the council.

ENGINEERING

1. Eldridge Drive Warehouse – all of the concrete footers for the steel bracing system have been installed, and the contractor expects to install the bracing within the next two weeks. Work in the administrative offices is essentially complete, and all drywall has been installed in the living quarters.
2. Safe Streets for All Action Plan – staff hosted a second stakeholder meeting to review the results of the recent online survey of residents on traffic issues in the City. Nearly 2000 responses were received, and the consultant team is currently summarizing the data.

3. 32 North Potomac – the elevator is going through final adjustments, and it is anticipated that it will be ready for inspection in approximately two weeks. The perimeter fencing was removed from the site in anticipation of the project’s completion.
4. Engineering Statistics

Description	Week of 11/11/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	1	136
Work Orders completed	1	118
Traffic counts completed	1	32
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 11/11/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	2	12
RFP’s Advertised	0	8
Projects under construction	15	16
Projects completed	0	2

FIRE

11/06/24 - 11/12/24			
Total Incidents (City only)	84	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	14
• Unit Responses	148	• Halfway FD	1
• Fire/Rescue Responses	45	• Maugansville FD	3
• EMS Responses	28	• Funkstown FD	5
• Other Responses	11	• Longmeadow FD	1
Inspections/System Tests	40	• Other	8
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	2		

Significant Incidents

No significant incidents this week.

Congratulations to FAO Connor Leshner on his completion of the drivers training program. Connor is now a fully cleared Fire Apparatus Operator.



PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

Historic District Commission:

HDC- 2024-55 – 33 Summit Avenue – Mahesh Kumar – Fence

Board of Zoning Appeals:

The next hearing date is December 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Verification Letters issued for the following properties:

17151 Cole Road – Zoning Verification

Planning Commission:

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be held December 11, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

POLICE

STATS (11/07/2024 – 11/13/2024)

Calls for Service:	1806	Field Interviews:	3
Arrests/Warrants Served:	29	Moving Violations:	9
Domestic Violence Calls:	28	Safety Repair Orders:	2
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	53
Reports Filed:	134		

Media Release:

Updated Release 11/15/24: Today on 11/15/24 at about 9:30 am Officers of the Hagerstown Police Department located the suspect in the Monday 11/11/24 shooting incident. He is identified as Cameron Taylor Cross, age 27 of Hagerstown. Cross had an active arrest warrant for the shooting incident. Charges included Attempted 1st degree murder, assault and numerous weapons violations. Officers saw Cross in the unit block of Randolph Ave. Cross fled on foot when he saw the officers approaching. He ran between house and attempted to hide. One of the officers located Cross again and at that time Cross displayed a handgun, eventually dropping it. Cross then resisted arrest for over two minutes before he was placed in handcuffs. Cross was transported to the Washington County Detention Center. Further charges are pending from today's arrest.

11/15/2024: On 11/15/24 at about 2:40am, officers responded to the 200 block of W. Franklin St for a report of a shooting. When officers arrived, they located the victim identified as Kenneth Tyrone Jackson (age 26 of Hagerstown) with a gunshot wound to his shoulder. Jackson was transported to Meritus Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. Officers on scene immediately recognized that Jackson was the victim of the shooting that occurred earlier this week on Monday 11/11/24. During that incident he was struck in the leg and treated/released from Meritus Medical Center.

We do not believe the incidents are connected and each case has a separate suspect. We also have reason to believe that both the shooters are known to Jackson and the incidents were not random. Both cases are active investigations, and we will release further information as appropriate.

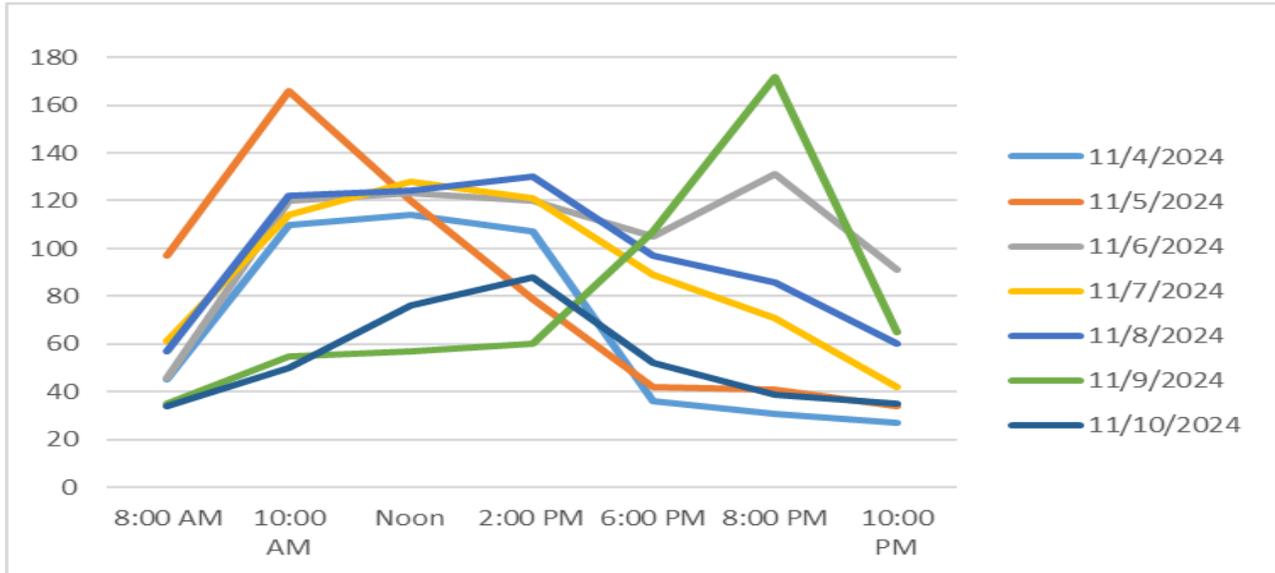
Details related to the 11/11/24 incident: On 11/11/24, at about 7:20pm, officers responded to the 100 block of W. Bethel St for a report of a shooting. One adult male was struck in the leg by gunfire. At the time of the shooting, there were three members of HPD attending a community meeting in Bethel Gardens. Additionally, there were officers in the area of Jonathan & Church Streets that heard the shots. Officers immediately responded and rendered first aid. The victim, identified as Kenneth Tyrone Jackson, was transferred to Meritus Medial Center for treatment. He was treated and released.

PUBLIC WORKS

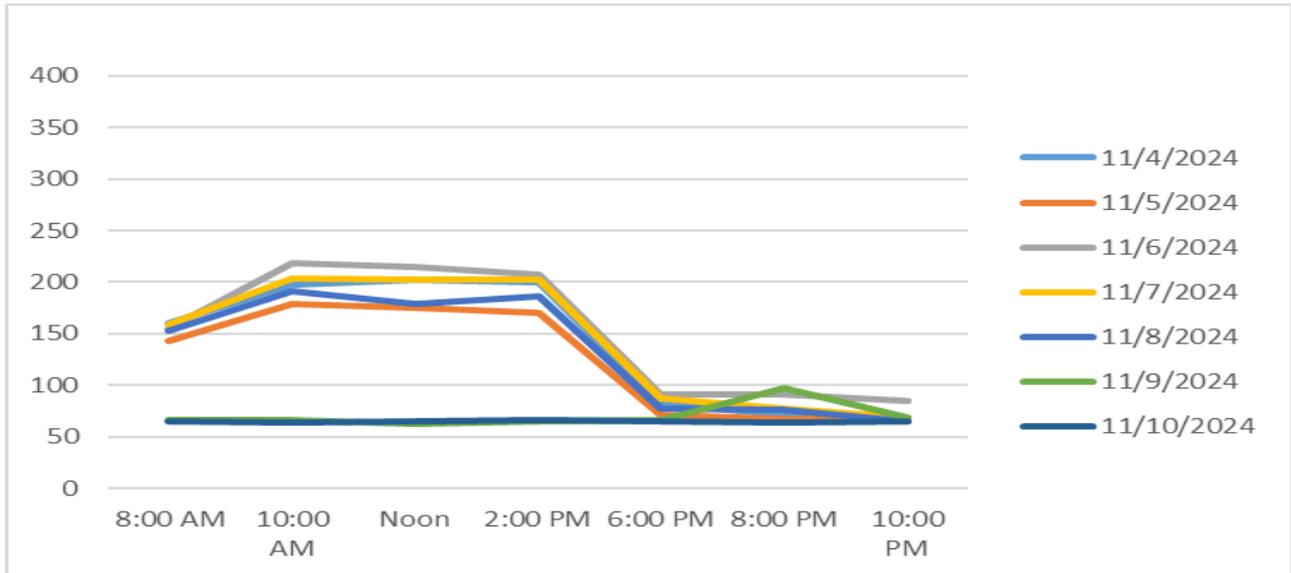
GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	169	169
	University District Deck	294	294
	Hub City Garage	57	56
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	57	58
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1769	1367
	University District Deck	1418	1614
	Hub City Garage	515	556
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	123	129
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	93% Sa @8PM	65% We @ Noon
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	50% We @10AM	66% Tu @10AM
Peak Occupancy (%)	Hub City Garage	12% Fr @6PM and 8PM	14% We@ 10AM

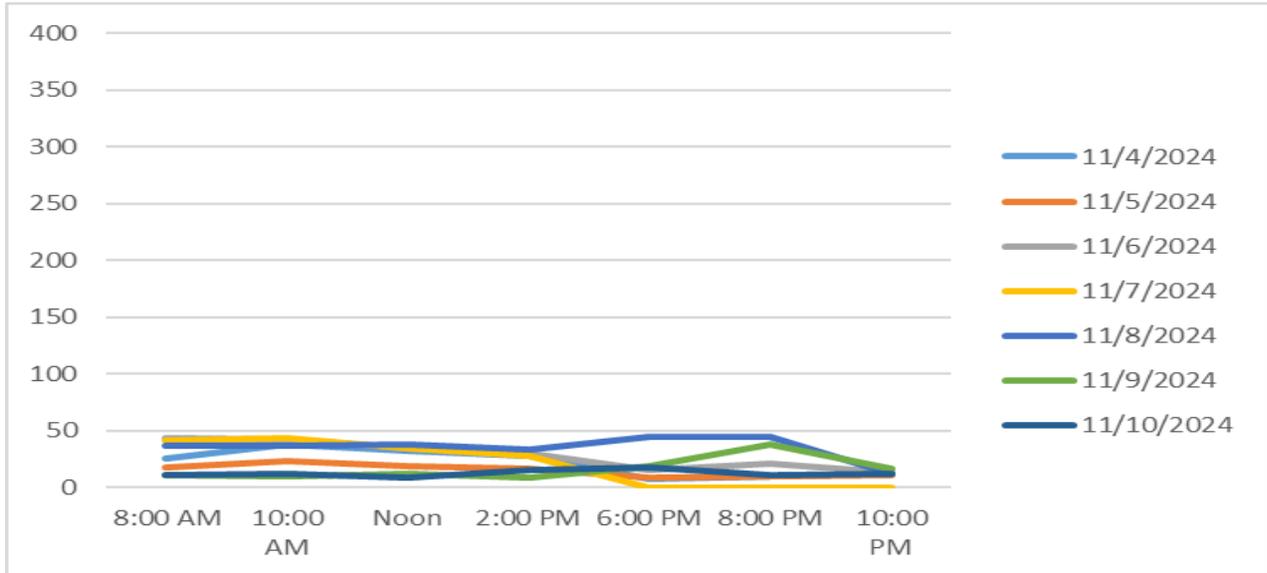
A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



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HUB CITY PARKING GARAGE OCCUPANCY



DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Location
Swan Lake	11/06/2024	Maryland Theatre
MSO Brahms, Dvorak	11/09/2024	Maryland Theatre
MSO Brahms, Dvorak	11/10/2024	Maryland Theatre

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	1
Planning & Code	2	0
Fire	0	1
Engineering	2	0
Parks & Recreation	4	0
Public Works	4	3
Police	15	5
Water	0	4
Wastewater	1	0
Light	3	4
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	31	18
Yearly Total	911	880

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fit Room

See Fit Room report attached with weekly recreation classes. A private rental is scheduled for Saturday, November 16.

Outdoor Programs

- Tennis - Saturdays at 11am Pangborn Park, through November 30

Recreation Upcoming Programs & Events

- 2025 Hub City 100 Miler, registration opens November 27
- City Park Lighting, Friday, December 6 from 5-8pm
- German Christmas at the Hager House, Dec 7, 13 & 14
- German Christmas Photos with Santa, December 8

Golf Course

Golf Course	11/6/24–11/12/24	11/6/23-11/12/23
# of Golfers	268	230

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Thur. 11/7 - 204 Summit Avenue – total outage; the customer’s main breaker tripped. Time Out: 22.7-23.6
- Sun. 11/10 - 729 Salem Avenue – total outage; no issue found. Time Out: 7.6-8.2
- Mon. 11/11 - 376 S Cannon Avenue – total outage; a line fuse operated. Time Out: 0.3-1.6
- Tues. 11/12 - Rear, 433 Summit Avenue – tree on a power line; tree was found to be on communication wires. Time Out: 0.1-0.8

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
4	0	7	0

- Multiple permits for buildings, fences, etc. have been reviewed by engineering staff along with construction specification drawing updates, routine substation inspections, and development of construction material standards.
- The advanced metering infrastructure pilot project is approaching completion as communication is being established.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Nov 6, 2024	4.87	0.00
Thursday, Nov 7, 2024	4.77	0.00
Friday, Nov 8, 2024	4.95	0.00
Saturday, Nov 9 2024	4.68	0.00
Sunday, Nov 10, 2024	4.87	0.02
Monday, Nov 11, 2024	4.96	0.06
Tuesday, Nov 12, 2024	5.02	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.87	0.08
Nov – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.83	0.08

- Repaired MagOx pump and piping.
- Cleaned cooling tower.
- Continued winterizing plant water lines and equipment.
- Poured concrete curbs around electrical boxes and outside post hydrants.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	14, 31	42.8, 932	1,136.8	1, 8
Flushing	18, 31	5, 249, 650		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Construction crew installed blacktop at 926 Concord Street and 951 Noland Drive.
- Cleaned manholes on Northern Avenue for lining project.
- Flusher crew worked in District 31 for CCTV crew.
- Flushed District 18 for yearly cleaning.
- CCTV crew helped street department by checking a storm drain at Chestnut Street and Reynolds Avenue.
- Worked District 31 for GIS.
- Repaired grinder pumps at 20020 Mount Aetna Road and 20112 Teakwood Drive.
- Worked on repairing grinder pumps in shop.
- Installed SCADA box at PS 25 after repair.
- Installed odor eliminator on Marshall Street manholes.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2024

Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	1	5	1	0	0	4	11
YTD 2024	85	66	20	0	0	227	398

Engineering

- Review of Site Development and City Permit Drawings
- Gathering information for service inquiries
- Updating GIS databases completed with water projects

Lab

WASTEWATER

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week
- Completed QC verifications: weekly DI water (pH, Cl, Conductivity), balance, pH meter
- Collected samples for COVID and other pathogen research studies: Wastewater-SCAN, Biobot, and CDC-NWSS
- Lachat nutrient analyzer under repair status
- Submitted results of Sludge Thickening Protocol sample analysis to Black & Veatch
- Onboarding and training new lab technician
- Annual scale calibrations completed, one scale under repair status

Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Completed and submitted Pretreatment Quarterly Report to MDE
- Attended LCRR progress meeting

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
11/07/24	11.64		11.64
11/08/24	11.46		11.46
11/09/24	11.11		11.11
11/10/24	10.90		10.90
11/11/24	11.46		11.46
11/12/24	11.43		11.43
11/13/24	11.31		11.31
		Average:	11.33

Water Production at R. C. Willson & Pump Station Distribution

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.60 ft. Site evaluation continues per the contract with Hazen and Triad. City staff and Hazen and Sawyer continue to work with MDE Dam Safety on the final Dam Evaluation Report, design criteria, and project schedule.

Water Distribution

- Staff performed customer service work and new meter installations as needed.
- Staff repaired a main break on Virginia Avenue.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed QC verifications for balance, pH meter, and autoclave.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for November.
- Collected distribution samples for nitrification monitoring for November.
- Prepared bench reagents for R.C. Willson operators.
- Performed onboarding and training with new lab technician.
- Completed two (2) water sampler practicum tests at R.C. Willson.
- New technicians completed the Water Sampler Course for Maryland Rural Water.
- Responded to customer concerns regarding LCRI notification letter.

<u>Engineering</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	28	5
Development Plan	-	-

- Construction inspection of ongoing projects
- Review of City permit and site plan drawings
- Review of County building permits
- Updating GIS mapping
- Concept design of upcoming capital improvement projects

Respectfully submitted,



Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator

Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8652 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8640	2 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8617 7p-8p Private Gymnastics Lessons 4pk #8736
3 8:15a-9:45a Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8646 9:45a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8652 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8633 12p-1:15p Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8652	4 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8614 9:15a-10:15a Actively Ageless- Functional Fitness #8727 7p-8p Belly Dance #8551	5 1:15p-2:15p Personal Training 4pk #8735 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8557	6 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8614 9:15a-10:15a Actively Ageless- Functional Fitness #8727 12p-4p CPR and First Aid #8562	7 6p-7p Aerial Stretch #8665 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Tricks #8700	8 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8652 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8640	9 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8617 7p-8p Private Gymnastics Lessons 4pk #8736
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